

SWORN AFFIDAVIT

I'm writing this Affidavit, of my own will. Nothing was promised to me, nor, was I forced to, in any matter. My reason is to simply and sincerely clear my conscious and it's the right thing to do.

THE BELOW STATEMENT IS THE TRUTH.

On July 1st, 2004, my cousin Malik Upchurch was shot and sadly killed by two unknown individuals, that was speculated to be from down 31st and Tasker street.

I do not know for sure who killed Malik, but I do know that Malik's brother Tyriq was there, when he was killed.

Tyriq and his brother Malik was from down 27th and Dickerson st., and there was always confrontation's with 31th and Tasker, and 27th and Dickerson Street. Why? Neither side probable don't even know themselves, but what I do know is that Tyriq is keeping the secret and won't say, who killed Malik, and just so he won't get questioned by the police, he stopped coming around. When questions was seeked elsewhere about Malik's murder, many different individuals were saying that a fat guy and a skinny guy from 31st street, did it.

Aleem, was the only fat person that was known from down 31st. street, but also Malik was shot in front of Aleem's house, so individuals automatically assumed Aleem was one of the two individuals that was there when Malik was murdered.

The assumptions of Aleem's name came about because of two reasons, (1) because he is heavy set (The fat guy), and (2) because it happen in front of Aleem's house.

Now it wasn't until Aleem was arrested that the story was being talked about and Tyriq being there when Malik was shot, was one of the stories. When I first went down to the police station to talk to them, I was just going to tell them what I heard everyone else was saying, and that was that Aleem was one of the individuals who shot Malik, I never seen Aleem before, never known how him and what he looked like until the police shown me a picture.

At first they shown me a lot of pictures, with a lot of people in

them, I could not pick Aleem out of them, because I didn't know what he looked like, but when I could not pick him out of the photos, the officer pulled out one picture, by it self, and stated is this Fat Aleem, from down 31st street. And the only reason I did know that was him, because of the writing on the bottom of the picture. Knowing this, I signed my name to the bottom of the paper which held the picture on it.

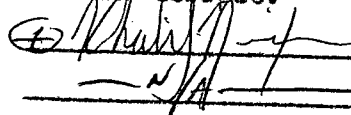
Even after this, when I talked with the D.A. lady, I for gotten her name, but, I was telling her that I really do not know if Aleem was or was not there, when Malik was shot, but she informed me that she was sticking to the story that it was him, and that she needed me to also stick to it, so I did what I was told to do. I was very young at this time, and didn't know any better, the Lady D.A. put most of the story together, she used me, because I was young and I had know knowledge of anything at all, and she didn't care about, because she just wanted a conviction, and she cared nothing about convicting a innocence person.

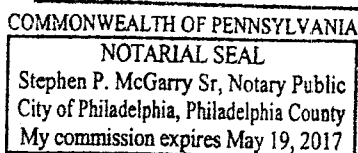
And now that I'm older and have a much better understanding of the situation, I really feel I need to tell the truth concerning this matter, so that I may sleep at night, knowing that I didn't help convict an person who had nothing, anything to do with the death of Malik.

I know that my bad dreams are because I helped convict a innocent person.

All because I was young and coerced into saying what I said. The District Attorney knew of Aleem Williams innocence, and she still did what she did. I now really feel that Aleem Williams should be free, and I'm willing now at this time and date, to state under oath , to the facts of his innocence, to help set him free.

I affirm under the penalties of law to these facts. My signature and name below that the above statements are true and correct.

  
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Subscribed and sworn before me, this 25<sup>TH</sup>  
day of August, a Notary Public,  
In and for Philadelphia County,  
State of PA.

  
(Signature)

NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission expires May 19, 2017